



# ACCESS AUTHORIZATION FOR SOUTH TARRANT NEIGHBORHOOD SITE

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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2. I ☒ grant or ☐ deny authorization to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), its officers, employees, contractors, and other authorized representatives to enter the property located at: Tarrant Elem School  
1269 Portland Street Property Address

Tarrant, AL 35217

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  - e. Restoring areas disturbed by the sampling activities to their pre-sampling state to the maximum extent practicable.
3. The consent for access and use granted herein will commence upon date of owner/tenant signature and will continue through the performance of all activities for which access is granted. I understand that the anticipated timeframe for completion sampling may exceed 12 months.
  4. I have been informed that I may request to obtain a portion of each sample taken on the Property (Split Sample). If I request to take a Split Sample, I agree to the following:
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By initialing here N/A, I request to obtain a Split Sample. Contact me at the following telephone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ or email address at \_\_\_\_\_, regarding the date and time on which samples will be collected on the Property.

5. I realize that these actions by the EPA are undertaken pursuant to its response and enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, 42 U.S.C & 9601 et seq., as amended.

Date November 30, 2015

Printed Name of Owner: Tarrant City Schools

Signature: Shelly N. My, Superintendent

Mailing Address: 1318 Alabama Street Tarrant, AZ 35217

Phone Number: (205) 849-3700

Or (if applicable):

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

Printed Name of Tenant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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January 7, 2016

VIA U.S. MAIL & E-MAIL (Swatts.Darriel@epa.gov)  
Darriel Swatts, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region4  
Sam Nunn Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

RE: EPA Request for Access to Tarrant Elementary School Property located at 1269 Portland Street, Tarrant, AL 35217

Dear Ms. Swatts:

Please accept this letter as formal notification that, on behalf of the Tarrant Board of Education, I am rescinding the earlier grant of authorization to allow EPA access to the Tarrant Elementary School located at 1269 Portland Street for the purposes of obtaining soil samples. (For your reference, the access authorization which is being rescinded is attached and has been revised per this letter.) As a result, EPA's request for access to sample the Tarrant Elementary School is denied, at this time.

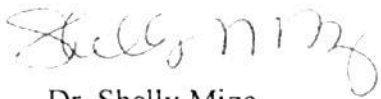
While the Tarrant Board of Education appreciates the work that EPA does, it does not believe that EPA sampling of this property is necessary or needed at this time. Specifically, it has come to my attention that this property's soil was tested in April of 2013 by our consultant, Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for arsenic (As) and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), two of the three constituents of concern that EPA is currently seeking to assess. The lab results of those samples showed that both of those constituents were below detection limits and therefore were not of concern. In addition, in 2009, EPA released its "Tarrant Elementary School Air Toxics Study" which was completed as part of a national initiative to monitor air toxics around certain schools. This study performed air monitoring for key pollutants based on emissions from nearby sources which included: lead in total suspended particulates ("TSP"), benzene and volatile organic compounds ("VOCs"), arsenic and other metals including PM10, and benzo(a)pyrene ("BaP") and other PAHs. Based on the results of this air study, EPA decided it was not necessary to extend air toxics monitoring at the Tarrant Elementary School. Therefore, based on the recent soil sampling results and the 2009 air study, the Tarrant School Board does not believe that this property poses any health threat to the general public or, more importantly, to Tarrant Elementary School employees and students, nor is there a need to do any further assessment of this property.

Again, the Tarrant Board of Education appreciates the work that EPA does, but at this time sees no need to further assess the Tarrant Elementary School Property given the recent soil

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sampling and air study. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, I will be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shelly Mize".

Dr. Shelly Mize  
Superintendent

Cc: Tarrant Board of Education  
Loxcil B. Tuck, Mayor, City of Tarrant, Alabama  
Benjamin S. Goldman, City Attorney, City of Tarrant, Alabama  
Jennifer Wendel, Remedial Project Manager, Region 4, U.S. EPA

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